

In an effort to ensure that American workers remain competitive, Congresswoman Slaughter has been a strong proponent of federal training and education programs. Her actions included:

- Opposing cutting 9.5% of the Workforce Investment Act's funding, as proposed in President Bush's budget. Congresswoman Slaughter is a strong supporter of the Workforce Investment Act, which provides comprehensive job placement and re-training services to dislocated workers at coordinated "One-Stop" centers.
- To ensure that workers harmed by international trade get the income support and training they need, cosponsoring a bill to reform the Trade Adjustment Assistance program by extending income support from 52 to 78 weeks and broadening the eligibility criteria.
- Cosponsoring of the Regional Skills Alliances Act, legislation to create a Labor Department grant program to support regional alliances made up of local labor, business and political leaders working together to improve job skills for employment in specific industries.
- Voting to preserve community control over job training programs and to preserve the School-to-Work program, which is designed to help high school seniors make the transition to work.
- Cosponsoring and vigorously fighting for the permanent exclusion from workers' taxable income of any employer-provided educational assistance. A temporary exclusion for most educational assistance had been enacted into law in 1996.
- Cosponsoring of legislation to provide vocational education, training, employment counseling, and related services for single parents, homemakers, and individuals seeking to enter the workforce from nontraditional employment.
- Cosponsoring the American Manufacturing Works Act, establishing an Undersecretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Technology, funding the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, and promoting and funding education programs for manufacturing technicians.
- Supports funding for Job Corp, the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential, education and job training program for at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24.

